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THE BISHOP'S LETTER

My dear people,

Confirmation has been given in the following places since the last issue of the "North West News": Geraldton (thrice), Port Hedland, Greenough, Derby, Mt. Magnet and Bluff Point (twice).

I was in Sydney for the annual meeting of the Australian Bishops in October and took part in the Enthronement of the new Archbishop of Perth in S. George's Cathedral, Perth.

In the absence of rectors at Mullewa and Carnarvon I have been to each centre myself once a month. Roebourne kept its centenary celebrations on the first Sunday in September with good congregations and a gathering of some of the early pioneers. The North and East Kimberleys are now getting more church services at Kununurra, Wyndham and Halls Creek since the Reverend F. E. Watts came into the district in his station waggon. The schools at these centres get regular visits besides the cattle stations. I noticed the outside of S. Boniface's church at Wyndham has a lawn and flowers growing around it which means regular attention on the part of some of the parishioners. The transfer of Mr. Tom Herzfeld and his wife to Waroona from the Kimberleys is a great loss for their unbounded energy and enthusiasm in the last few years has encouraged others to take a more active interest. Mr. Watts has a scheme for building a swimming pool on the corner of the native reserve which would be a great boon during the hot summer months.

We are grateful to the Primate of Australia, Dr. Gough, for sparing twenty-four hours of his time in W.A. and coming to Geraldton for a brief visit. This included a Civic Reception by the Mayor, a public meeting for Anglicans and a well attended service in the Seamen's Institute before flying to Kalgoorlie.

We say farewell to the Reverend James Miles when he leaves in February next to go to Pingelly parish. The C.E.B.S. and the C.E.G.S., which he started in Geraldton are going to miss him.

The friends of the Reverend G. E. Plester are delighted to hear that he is going to devote his whole time to the work of the church in the parish of Geraldton. Forrest Lodge's new principal, the Reverend Gerard Dickinson, who has been engaged in scholastic work in New Guinea and lately in a school in Warwickshire, arrives in January and comes to us with high qualifications. He will also be on the staff of Geraldton parish.

The Reverend W. J. Mathias comes with high recommendations from England and will be a Canon Residentiary of the Cathedral. His wife is a B.Sc. and Dip. Ed. of the University of Wales and they have two sons.

The Reverend L. R. Wilson, Rector of Geraldton since 1960, becomes the first Dean of the Cathedral parish on January 8th, and the Rectory will from henceforth be known as the Deanery.

I am most grateful to all those from every part of the Diocese who contributed towards my eightieth anniversary gift for furnishing parts of the Cathedral, and for the cards, letters and telegram (over 260) received. The gathering at Bluff Point Hall on the night of November 1st was a very happy occasion.

Wishing you every blessing for Christmas and the New Year.

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

+ John North West Australia.
Bishop.

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BISHOP'S BIRTHDAY

On November 1st, All Saints' Day, our Bishop whose picture appears on the front page of this issue, celebrated his eightieth birthday, and the good wishes of every Anglican in the Diocese were extended to him. In the morning he celebrated the Holy Communion in Geraldton, he dined with the boys of Forrest Lodge for tea and then was accorded a Birthday Party in S. George's Hall at Bluff Point. His Lordship had received a letter on behalf of his many friends and this was read at the party, by the Diocesan Secretary, Mr. R. K. Eaton. The letter traced the Bishop's work from 1911 to the present day and concluded, "Many of your friends in this Diocese and throughout the Commonwealth beg you to accept a gift in honor of your eightieth birthday. Because we know that you wish it this way, the gift shall be to provide the Altar with its ornaments and furnishings for the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, given to be used to the Glory of God and offered in your name to mark today's celebrations."

His Lordship came to Western Australia in 1911 as Domestic Chaplain to his uncle the Bishop of Bunbury, who had the additional oversight of this Diocese from 1904 to 1910. He served at Yarloop, Katanning and South Bunbury and in 1916 joined the Bush Brotherhood of S. Boniface with its headquarters in Williams. Upon the elevation of Brother Elsey to the Episcopate in 1919 our Bishop was appointed Warden. Then he too became a Bishop in 1929 when he was chosen to succeed our first Bishop, the Right Reverend Gerard Trower. The Right Reverend John Frewer was enthroned by Bishop Elsey, acting on behalf of the Archbishop of Perth, who was ill at the time. This took place in the Pro-Cathedral of the Annunciation at Broome on April 28th, 1929. And ever since then "our Bishop" has travelled up and

down the coast from Wyndham to Dongara and out to the Murchison Goldfields, visiting towns-people and station people, rich and poor alike, taking the good news of Jesus Christ to all under his care.

We all know about the gold pass for free travel, and we all know that the Queen created him a Companion of the British Empire in 1957. But few know of the constant worry that has been his for over 34 years in trying to find priests to work in the more scattered parts of the Diocese. Few realise the conditions under which the Bishop has lived in little outback towns where he is most loved of all. It has been the Editor's joy to visit many of these little towns, and he can vouch for the fact that there are very few people in any of them who do not know our Bishop, and mostly they know him very well. There are very few men, bishops included, of whom this could be said. It is in the scattered communities of the outback, rather than in the large towns; in the little "tin tabernacles" rather than in stately ecclesiastical buildings that our Bishop is his real self, one with his people in their isolation and privation.

One of the station people related how he had first seen the Bishop being slung over the side of one of the State Shipping boats in a large loading basket. Another popular recollection is His Lordship in shorts burning-off around a little outback church. Others recall his flights in the planes of the early days of aviation in the North-West, whilst many of the people of the Forrest River Mission got to know him on the old barges going up from Wyndham. In other words the Bishop has done what many clergy fail to do—identify himself with the people. Only because our Bishop has followed the path of humility and love once trodden by our Blessed Lord has he become one with the people for whom that same Lord died on the Cross.

THE CATHEDRAL

The Consecration of the new Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Geraldton will take place at 9.30 a.m. on Mothering Sunday, March 8th, 1964. The Bishop of the Diocese will act as consecrator and the Archbishop of Perth, the Most Reverend George Appleton, will preach. The music at that service will be under the direction of Mr. Bruce Naylor, the organist at S. George's Cathedral in Perth, and the singing will be led by the choir of that cathedral. This will consist of twenty-four boys and eight men.

Admission to the service will be by ticket due to the limited accommodation and these will be allocated to each parish. Outside accommodation will be provided and the service will be amplified to those outside. Full particulars will be circulated to the parishes in January. The Dean of Perth, the Very Reverend James Payne, will preach at the first Evensong in the cathedral on the same Sunday at 7.30 p.m.

THE PRIMATE'S VISIT

The Primate of Australia, the Most Reverend Hugh Gough, Archbishop of Sydney, visited the town of Geraldton on November 12th and had a very busy twenty-four hours on his first visit to the Diocese. He was able to inspect the work on the new cathedral, which he found reminiscent of the great cathedral at Coventry in England. He spoke to the children at the High School and also preached at a service in the Missions to Seamen building, which was crowded. The Mayor and Councillors extended a Civic Reception to His Grace, and it was pleasing to see such a representative gathering and to hear speeches of welcome from the Roman Catholic Church and the Protestants, as well as from the Mayor and others.

In the evening a gathering was held in the Civic Centre to enable His Grace to meet many of the

local Anglicans, and again there was a good number present. His Grace spoke boldly of the grave responsibilities of us all as members of the Church in this secular age. The people in the Murchison parish were able to share this address because the Rector had brought his tape recorder and managed to get the main part of what His Grace had to say. It is regretted that the full text is not available for inclusion in this paper for all to read.

His Grace also found time to visit the Greenough, Forrest Lodge where he breakfasted with the boys, and S. George's at Bluff Point with a quick look at the new church being built for the Greek Orthodox folk.

MISSIONS :

Contributions received for half-year ended November 30th, 1963 :

Greenough	64	2	6
Bluff Point	39	11	4
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Car drives into the country were arranged on a few occasions, and dances are held in the Mission on some nights. The committee, though small in number, is active in supporting the Hon. Chaplain in his work. The annual street appeal resulted in a further £66 being raised for the Geraldton branch.

The Missions to Seamen is one of the principal missionary societies of the Anglican Church and was founded in 1856 for the spiritual welfare of seafarers who are often deprived of the blessings of their own homes and friends, and of the opportunities of worship and fellowship. The Church clearly has a responsibility toward them and through the Missions to Seamen offers them a christian welcome and fellowship in homely places. The "Flying Angel" Missions, as these places are called, minister to seafarers throughout the world in some two hundred ports, of which over eighty have institutes like our own. There is no "colour bar" nor is any distinction made over creeds or race, for the Mission exists to break down all barriers for the seamen. The work is mainly carried out by chaplains and readers who visit the ships and seamen in hospitals as any Rector does in his parish, and in the chapels in the various mission stations the spiritual needs of

"those who go down to the sea in ships" are met.

The Reverend Geoffrey Plester is the Chaplain of the Geraldton Mission and he would be only too happy to show church people around the Institute. Please remember this great work in your prayers.

The Diocese of North-West Australia

Bishop:

The Right Reverend J. Frewer (1929).
Postal Address: P.O. Box 140, Geraldton.

Parishes:

(at December 1st, 1963)

Bluff Point—The Reverend E. W. Doncaster (1959).

Broome—The Bishop.

Carnarvon—Vacant.

Derby—The Reverend N. E. Hart (1962).

Dongara—Attached to Geraldton.

Forrest River Mission—The Reverend J. B. Bowyer (1963).

Geraldton—The Reverend L. R. Wilson (1960); the Reverend J. Miles (1961); the Reverend G. E. Plester (1960).

Greenough—Attached to Geraldton.

Kimberleys—The Reverend F. E. Watts (1963).

Mullewa—Vacant.

Murchison—The Reverend B. R. Buckland (1963).

Northampton—Vacant (until Christmas).

Port Hedland—The Reverend B. A. Woolcott (1962).

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THE NORTH-WEST AGAIN

(Contributed by the Reverend W. Rich, who paid a visit to this Diocese last August).

After an absence of four years it was a delightful experience to visit once again familiar faces within the diocese and to see something of an area hitherto only existing in my mind.

In my capacity as Organising Missioner of Bush Church Aid Society I have had the privilege of recently visiting the parishes of the Murchison, Port Hedland and Derby, and whilst my main function was to be able to appreciate the situation better from first-hand knowledge there was also a fair amount of personal pleasure involved in seeing familiar faces and places.

I was able to spend the week-end prior to travelling north in Perth, and preached in two suburban parishes as well as the Cathedral.

My first stop was scheduled to be with the Reverend Bernard Buckland in the Murchison. Here I was tremendously thrilled by the efforts of the local congregation with regard to their achievement in the erection of the new Church of All Souls. My own recollections of the previous Parish Church stood in very direct contrast to the very pleasing and functional building erected in its place. Space does not allow me to dwell too long now nor did time then, but in three days we were able to fit in visits to Cue, Sandstone, Albion Downs, Wiluna and Meekatharra. In each instance one was privileged to feel that in some measure the initial visits one had made to these areas some seven years ago had paved the way for a new regular pattern of ministry in these areas.

The next day of my visit was restricted to Wittenoom Gorge and Port Hedland, where I was able to share an energetic couple of days with the Reverend Bruce Woolcott. Five years ago I had been with the Reverend Don Douglass when we celebrated the Holy

Communion in the local public school at Wittenoom. To find the Church of S. Mark, a then envisaged structure, now a reality, was most encouraging. A journey by car to Hedland revived many thoughts of other clergy of our Society who must travel long distances in oftentimes trying circumstances to maintain their ministry. A most encouraging number of people gathered for worship on the Sunday evening, and a subsequent gathering the next evening saw us formulate a policy for the renovations and alterations to the Rectory.

A journey by air in the early hours of the morning found me in Derby just before daybreak, where I was to spend the next three days with the Reverend Noel Hart. This was my first visit to Derby and I was greatly impressed by the structure of the town and the potential of the whole area. My visit coincided with a regular fortnightly flight to Cockatoo and Koolan Islands. I was delighted to be introduced to the "oriental" custom of removing one's shoes before visiting folk on the island, but even more delighted to have the opportunity of meeting the congregation and worshipping with them in the local school. On my return to Derby several folk gathered for an informal evening in the Rectory where I again showed Kodachrome slides of the wider work of the Society.

I left the North-West with a very real appreciation of the three Priests, and their wives who are making this ministry possible. I was delighted to be able to bring back to the supporters of the Society a very real note of achievement.

We constantly express our gratitude to Almighty God for the fact that men and women are prepared to undertake these vast parishes and give of themselves without reserve. As we continue to maintain their work we commend their collective ministry to the prayerful support of the other Churches within the Diocese and beyond.

A LETTER TO THE GIRLS AND BOYS



"Auntie Lil"

My dear Girls and Boys,

In your Church Paper for December you will be able to read something about "The Church Mail Bag School," and no doubt you will be wondering just what it is all about; your Editor has very kindly given me a little more space and so I want to tell you that it means YOU and YOU and YOU, have a wonderful opportunity of learning something about Our Lord Jesus Christ and His great love for us; even though you may be miles and miles away from a Church and not have the opportunity of going to Sunday School, you can still learn by doing Sunday School lessons through correspondence with me, known as "The Church Mail Bag School."

It doesn't matter where we live, we are all travellers along the same road—the road that leads to God, and the best kind of travellers are those who offer others a lift, and give a helping hand where necessary: if we have a good thing, it is up to us to share it, and so now I want to share these lessons with you, which I am sure you will find most interesting, and helpful.

If you would like some sample

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lessons I would be very happy to send them, so do get busy and write to me, and think of me as all the other boys and girls do—

Your would-be friend,

"AUNTIE LIL."

(It may not be generally known that "Auntie Lil" is a former Geraldtonian, her real name being Mrs. L. M. Evensen. The Diocese of North-West Australia is justly proud of its "export").

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CHURCH MAIL BAG SCHOOL

The spiritual needs of the children in the scattered parts of Australia have led to the formation of various religious instructions by post. In this Province the work is centred upon the Sunday School Office in Perth, and from there the lessons are sent out regularly to over 500 children. But there are only 10 of them in this Diocese! There must be many, many more children in need of these lessons.

The whole purpose of the school is to teach isolated children who are living beyond the reach of normal Sunday Schools and services of the church. The lessons are written in simple language which the children can easily understand. There is a separate leaflet for each Sunday and these contain the lesson material, memory work, written work or things to do, and in older grades a Bible reading. Each grade from beginners to intermediate is accompanied by a sheet of outline pictures or diagrams. The lessons are despatched monthly and contain the material needed for the spiritual growth of the children, though naturally much depends upon the interest and co-operation of the parents.

As the children join they receive a badge, and with each set of lessons returned for marking, a personal letter goes back along with picture stamps or little cards. A quarterly letter is sent also and each member receives a Birthday card, a Christmas card, and there is also a pen friend club whereby they can have friends in Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand.

The only costs are these:— If the parents want the lessons only to read to the children themselves, and not sent back for correction or entry on the rolls the cost is 6d. per copy, plus postage monthly. If the child is registered, the cost, which covers re-

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FORREST LODGE

In spite of staff difficulties the Lodge has had a very happy term, and we are greatly indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Parker, who have kept the domestic side running smoothly and efficiently.

We greatly miss Miss "Dorrie" Wilton, who for sixteen years has been our cook, and we express our sympathy in her accident. We look forward to her return next year. Mrs. A. Cawse has proved an admirable substitute. Members of the Lodge have done well in school sports this term. Ken Ahmat of Onslow, and our head boy, was the (under 16) inter-school and interfaction athletic champion, the best player of the school hockey team (under 18) and was awarded the trophy for the champion marksman of the year. Michael Voke of Derby was interschool sports champion for the under 15 age group and Geoff Holman of Meekatharra was the interfaction sports champion for the same age group. Dennis Stokes of Arrino was awarded a pocket as the best cricket player for the school. He leaves this month and we wish him all the best.

The Bishop presented the Tennis Trophies at the break-up party held on November 30th, these going to Ian Hasleby of Port Hedland for the singles and to Ian and Denis Stokes for the doubles. So far our under 16 cricket team has been undefeated.

We say goodbye to Murray Stanton, Gary Rossiter, Keith Reynolds, Lindsay Hunt and Philip Thornton whom we wish well in their chosen careers.

The Lodge Committee has acquired the property known as "Della Hale" and in consequence we can take in a much larger number of boys. The whole arrangement of the Lodge will be reorganised and with the coming of the new principal the Reverend Gerard Dickinson, we look forward to a new era in the history of Forrest Lodge.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

This issue of the "North West News" is being sent to as many of the estimated 2,600 Anglican families living in the Diocese of North West Australia as possible. Many of you may be receiving it for the first time, and we hope that you will want to go on receiving it.

We have tried in this issue to give a wide coverage of news, including information on the Church Mail Bag School for the children. This should be of special interest to those living away from the towns where there are Sunday Schools. News of the Cathedral and the parishes is always included as this keeps us informed of the work of the church beyond our own parish. From time to time there are articles on the church beyond the Diocese.

The paper thus serves as a link between the Bishop and his people, as well as a guide for your prayers. It is good and necessary that we should all be more concerned about the needs of others.

This issue is a "first" in another sense. This is the "New Look" and we hope you like it. Readers will find this arrangement more attractive and easier to read. It is certainly easier to handle in the post. The Editor is always glad to receive your ideas and suggestions and would welcome any "Letters to the Editor" for publication.

Our thanks are due to a generous donor who has paid the extra cost of this issue, and also to the printers for their invaluable help.

The Editor will be more than pleased to receive subscriptions from everyone, and there is a form on the back page for your convenience. Fill it in today and post it to the Editor, P.O. Box 718, Geraldton.

To each of our readers and advertisers we wish the joy of a Holy and Happy Christmas.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

On reviewing the activities and ambitions of the newly re-constituted Diocese of North West Australia, it has made me realise the tremendous task that the Trustees have undertaken. For instance, there is the building of the New Cathedral which is now nearing completion, the funds for which have been largely drawn from the parishes in and around Geraldton and from a few individuals outside the Diocese apart from the money made available by the Trustees from the sale of the former Church lands in Marine Terrace, Geraldton.

We are still approximately \$25,000 short of the desired target.

This matter has been one of the early problems of the Trustees and perhaps has taken up more time than is really necessary, when we realise the tremendous job we have undertaken in serving the whole of the Diocese, being such a large area commencing south from Dongara to Derby and beyond to the north, to Mount Magnet and beyond in the east.

An examination of the task reveals that from Carnarvon to the North and East Kimberleys, which area includes the towns of Wyndham, Hall's Creek, Kununurra and the New Ord River settlements, the extension of the church and services from a clergy point of view is sadly lacking and overdue for improvement. In the past we have relied on our Bishop and the Chaplain of the Forrest River Mission for services and extension work of the Church. Surely we cannot be satisfied with this inadequate coverage especially now that there will be more and more people settled in this vast area.

Broome in the past has been the residence of the Bishop of the North West and the Bishop has maintained services there, but has only been able to attend for

ten Sundays in the year. There is no proper house for him in Geraldton.

Derby and Port Hedland parishes are provided for from the good offices of the Bush Church Aid Society which has its headquarters in Sydney and practically all the expenses of maintaining the clergy at these centres are found by that body. Carnarvon and Mullewa are at present without priests and also rely on the Bishop to take the services. This sad story of the Anglican activities applies in other centres of the North West and Murchison districts except for the parish of Mount Magnet where the Bush Church Aid Society has taken up the work on our behalf.

I hope by this meagre effort I have been able to bring to your notice the magnitude of the work of the Trustees. You will agree with me that it cannot be done by just a few sitting around a table. We must have your personal effort as well as your financial support if this state of affairs is to be rectified.

Yours sincerely,

E. A. GREEN,
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GERALDTON PARISH

At the last meeting of the Vestry it was decided, after very full discussion, that it must not delay in planning for adequate clerical staff for the parish in consideration of the needs arising out of the establishment of a Cathedral in the town and the general growth of the district. The Vestry recognises the challenge that 1964 will bring and prays that all will do their share in seeing that the following decisions, unanimously passed, meet with success:—

- (a) They will be responsible for the increased stipend of the of the Dean, from January 8th.
- (b) The announcement that the Reverend W. J. Mathias had been appointed Residentiary Canon was most enthusiastically received and the Vestry guaranteed his stipend.
- (c) The Vestry very much appreciates the sacrifices being made by the Reverend G. E. Plester and warmly supported his appointment as full-time chaplain in the parish, where he is so well known and respected. The Vestry pledged itself to raise £600 of the stipend required, and the balance will come from sources in England.

These decisions mean that the increased staff should result in a great forward movement—the Diocese is not asked to contribute at all to the extra cost.

In January the first issue of the Cathedral News Sheet will be sent to all parishioners. This is part of the Campaign Advance which will mark the coming into effect of the new Cathedral Statute.

The Guild of the Ascension held its annual meeting in November when the following office-bearers were elected:—President, Mrs. S. C. Warr; vice-presidents, Mrs. D. Marsh and Mrs. Whitehead; hon secretary, Mrs. E. V.

Irvine; hon. treasurer, Mrs. Doolan; committee, Mesdames Phillips, Jones and Hudson. In spite of the lack of the parish hall the Guild had a most successful year and raised £546. They made grants of £150 to the Cathedral, £300 to the stipend and £50 to Missions, as well as donations to charitable appeals. A grant of £40 towards equipment for the Religious Instruction in the schools was also made. The Guild is to be congratulated on its sterling efforts. The annual Christmas Party for Guild members, vestrymen, choristers and Sunday School teachers was a happy event.

GREENOUGH

It has been a good year for the Ladies' Guild, now in recess until March 10th, when the Annual Meeting will be held. It is hoped that any intending members will be present. The October Exhibition and Flower Show was a great success and £113/10/4 was raised. The Vestry benefitted by £100 and it is hoped to better this next year. Many are to be thanked for their help and gifts, especially the ladies from Walk-away.

Confirmation was held on November 3rd in S. Catherine's Church at Greenough. Kim Broad, Trevor Connolly, William Stokes and Noela Stokes were the candidates.

The Sunday School picnic was held on December 14th at the Greenough River. The teachers, Miss Gladys Morrell and Mrs. Stokes kindly donated the children's awards and then received gifts themselves as tokens of the parents' appreciation.

The Guild has undertaken the cost of renovating the Church hall at Greenough. Repairing of the windows, which will include a complete new one, will be done by Mr. Geronimos and a busy bee will clean and paint in readiness for the new year.

BLUFF POINT

We are happy to report that all goes well in the parish of Bluff Point.

At S. George's Church the attendances have been much improved, and even the numbers on week days have increased of late. The Vestry has undertaken repairs to the Rectory and these will be completed before Christmas, and the church grounds have been the scene of several working bees. At Nanson the woodwork on the Church has been painted, and the white looks striking against the coloured stonework. Nabawa Church has received the gift of a bell from the Parish of Canning, near Perth, and this should be rung for the first time on Christmas Day. The Sunday Schools at Wonthella and Bluff Point have had good years and look forward to even more scholars in the New Year.

S. George's has been visited by the Primate of Australia in recent weeks when the children from the school formed a guard of honor and presented His Grace with a souvenir of the church. The Reverend Bernard Buckland was with us for a weekend and spoke of the work of the Bush Church Aid Society.

We have been happy to have the Bishop with us for two Confirmations and also on Advent Sunday when he preached at Evensong. The parish also extended a party to His Lordship on the occasion of his birthday, when people from neighbouring parishes joined us. The Mothers' Union Birthday Festival and Companion Time have been held here too, and both were memorable events. The Geraldton Branch of the M.U. were with us for the Birthday and carried their banner in the procession. At the annual meeting of the Guild Mrs. M. Height was elected president and things should go off with a swing in the new year.

On the eve of S. Andrew's Day several parishioners attended the Intercession Service for the

missionary work of the Church, and it is hoped that the parish's contribution to the Anglican Missionary Council will be lifted in the near future.

Two of our girls have been carrying on the standard of service that has been set in the past. Miss Christine O'Halloran, nursing at the Mount Hospital in Perth, was awarded the Bishop's prize; and Miss Pat Anders is to be a Queen's Guide. Congratulations to them both. We also congratulate one of our former Rectors, the Reverend Fred Hart, on his appointment as Archdeacon of Albany, in the Diocese of Bunbury.

Will you please continue to pray for the work of the Church in Bluff Point that God's Kingdom may grow in our midst, and many more be gathered in.

SHARK BAY

The people at the Bay have had only two services this year, and they look forward eagerly for the next opportunity of a service. The Sunday School has met every Sunday even though only a few children attend. Two boys from the Bay were recently confirmed in Geraldton. They were Robert Fry and Eric Pederick.

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CARNARVON

Prayers are still being offered that a priest may be found to come here as Rector, and meanwhile the Bishop of the Diocese is visiting us on one Sunday each month for services. We are sorry to be losing our church secretary, Mrs. June Steen Olsen, and wish her every happiness, together with her family, in Perth. Mr. Owen Thomas has taken over the duties as secretary.

There are 74 children enrolled at the Sunday School of which Mrs. A. Peasley is the Superintendent, with Miss L. Cox, Miss S. Vladich and Miss M. Hutton as teachers. In addition to the usual lessons, an incentive plan was introduced whereby students, by their constant attendance and behaviour, qualified for the rank of Herald, Squire and Knight, the last named being given to those who attended thirty Sundays and had introduced a recruit who attended at least five Sundays. On gaining the title of Herald children are given minor jobs to do—ringing the bell, collecting kneelers, etc. Squires get more coveted jobs such as handing out the books, whilst the Knights act rather as prefects. This plan proved quite successful, but has foundered a little through not being able to get suitable felt badges.

A very successful picnic was held jointly with the A.I.M. Sunday School at One Tree Point in October, and the help given by parents and others was greatly appreciated. Now the children are looking forward to the Christmas play and break-up. The teachers wish to thank those who assisted during the year and as the Sunday School numbers are considered in relation to the numbers attending the State School it is realised there is much room for improvement in the coming year.

S. George's Ladies' Guild has had a successful year, the main event being the Bazaar at which £146 was raised. The Annual

General Meeting will be held in early April, and as this is our next meeting, we look forward to having many with us. At the last meeting it was agreed to hand over £200 to the Vestry for improvements to the kitchen of the Parish Hall, mainly for a gas stove, a laminex-topped table and cupboards.

THE MURCHISON

The Revd. Bernard Buckland has settled into his vast parish, and is continuing the good work of the other Bush Church Aid priests who preceded him. On the material side he reports that Meekatharra Church is to have new doors and that other repair work will be carried out in the near future. The grounds around the Chapel of S. Michael and All Angels at Wiluna have been tidied. At the Children's Sunday School prize-giving many have been rewarded for good work and attendance, and the teachers are to be commended for their faithful work. Attention is drawn to the Church Mail Bag School mentioned elsewhere in this paper for it could be a help to those children living on the stations. On December 12th David Harris and Mrs. Lorna Day of Mt. Magnet, were confirmed by the Bishop.

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During the year we have experimented with Duplex Envelopes. The results have been very gratifying and our church's finances have benefitted greatly. With the duplex envelope system missionary giving has become a regular weekly consideration with every member who takes the envelopes. Naturally our missionary giving is much healthier than at this stage in previous years. Above all, thinking of others' needs is constantly before us and stops us becoming selfish. However, we still need lots more people to join with "the regulars," who by their few shillings every week have encouraged us so.

In view of the improvement in our finances plus the excellent help given by our Ladies' Guild the Vestry has negotiated a loan of £2,000 from the Bush Church Aid Society to repair and renovate the Rectory. We feel we can pay this off in ten years. The Ladies' Guild held a very successful Spring Fair in October and raised £120. During the year, by cake stall and jumble sales, they have raised another £100.

At the beginning of November we held our Sunday School Prize Giving, which was held during the Family Service on the second Sunday. Family services are usually well attended, but of course for this special event there were more parents than usual. Sunday School attendances have been very good and prize winners had to be very regular.

Church attendances have improved as the year has progressed. The same has been true at Roebourne. Holy Trinity Church at Roebourne has not only had the electricity connected, but it has also been painted inside. This, plus the fact that the ladies have so kindly cleaned the Church before services, has made it a worthy witness to Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Unfortunately our congregations at Marble Bar have not been good

as many of our "regulars" have been on holidays or have been sick.

As we come to Christmas we can look back over the year with a sense of satisfaction in what has been started (because it is barely a beginning still). We can also look forward to what we need to do and remember that the message of this season is Emmanuel, God with us . . . He has been and we know He will be.

YALGOO

The Secretary writes that that there are only two Anglican families now living in this town, though there are another seventeen in the outlying districts. There has been no service since March, but one for Christmas was held on December 11th, and another on December 29th.

MULLEWA

There seems little to report from here other than the fact that the Revd. J. Miles will not be appointed Rector as announced some time ago. Meanwhile the Bishop has been giving one Sunday a month to us for services, and we are thankful for this.

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NORTHAMPTON

The arrival of the new Rector The Reverend H. G. Williams is being looked forward to by the parishioners and it is certain that he will be here in time for the Christmas services. During the interregnum, the Revd. E. W. Doncaster has again looked after our needs, and we are grateful for his assistance. Services have been held in Yuna, Naraling and Binnu by him as well, and the lay reader, Mr. Ron Campbell, has been of great help in Northampton. We are sorry to be losing him and his family at the end of the year, and we wish them happiness in their new home.

The Guild has had another busy and successful year under the Presidency of Mrs. Sylvia Drage. In August the Guild presented a new altar Missal in memory of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Williams.

The Sunday School has been continued bravely by Mr. Ron Rake and it is hoped that in the new year many more children will be enrolled in the classes, normally held every Sunday at 9.30 a.m.

Several old identities in the parish have passed to their rest in recent months—Harold Trevenson Glass, Ada Elizabeth Mitchell, Albert William Henley and Divina Richards. May they rest in peace.

Christmas Services: Midnight and 9.30 a.m. Christmas Communion in Holy Trinity Church; also 7.30 a.m. at Yuna.

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Congratulations to Mount Magnet Church folk who have paid off the debt on their Church in three years.

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Last September the Guild held a successful Industrial Exhibition and Fete, and apart from this there has been little to report. The services are still being held on the second and fourth Sundays, and we have farewelled the Reverend James Miles.

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PERSONAL PARS

The Revd. James Miles, Th.A., who has been assistant priest in the Geraldton - Greenough - Don-gara parish for the last two years has been appointed Rector of Pingelly in the Diocese of Bun-bury as from February, 1964.

The Revd. F. E. Watts, M.A., B.D., who for over twenty years was working with the Missions to Seamen and who was Chaplain at the Forrest River Mission for a short period, has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of the East Kim-berleys, with headquarters at Wyndham as from November, 1963.

The Revd. Geoffrey Plester, Honorary Chaplain to the Mis-sions to Seamen in Geraldton from 1960, will be a full-time assistant curate in the Parish of Geraldton from 1964, in addition to his work at the Mission.

The Revd. Henry Gordon Wil-liams of Manchester, England, to-gether with his wife and two

children are due to arrive at Fre-mantle on the "Oriana" before Christmas. He will be appointed Rector of Northampton.

The Revd. Gerard Brian Dick-inson arrives in January to take over the duties of Principal of Forrest Lodge.

The Revd. L. R. Wilson, Rec-tor of Geraldton since 1960, be-comes Dean of the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Geraldton, on January 8th, 1964.

The Revd. William James Mathias, B.A., B. Litt., Ph.D., at present Vicar of Stoke Newing-ton in the Diocese of London, will be arriving early in the new year to become Residentiary Canon of the Cathedral, and he will reside at Broughton Lodge in Brede Street, Geraldton.

The Revd. John Legg, now a Chaplain at Rugby School in Eng-land has been appointed a Com-missary for the Diocese by the Bishop. His address is 12 Elsee Road, Rugby, Warwickshire, Eng-land.

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